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SUBJECT: NKOMO- FOURIE MEETING

DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT LUSAKA, CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY,
MBABANE AND GABORONE

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM EXCELLENT SOURCE THAT ANC LEADER
JOSHUA NKOMO WILL MEET IN UTMOST SECRECY WITH SOUTH
AFRICAN MFA PERMANENT SECRETARY BRAND FOURIE IN MBABANE
ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, NKOMO IS
AT THE END OF HIS ROPE. HE WILL TELL FOURIE THAT THE
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TALKS WITH IAN SMITH CAN ONLY LAST A FEW MORE DAYS BEFORE

COMPLETE BREAKDOWN. HE WILL APPEAL FOR STRONG SOUTH AFRICAN PRESSURE ON SMITH TO COMPROMISE AND KEEP THE NEGOTIATIONS ALIVE. OTHERWISE, "NKOMO WILL BE OUT AND THE GUERRILLAS WILL BE IN."

2. COMMENT: IF ANYONE IS PLANNING TO WEIGH IN WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS ON RHODESIA, NOW WOULD SEEM THE TIME TO DO IT.

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